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KBI investigating officer involved shooting in Pratt

PRATT COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred Tuesday evening outside a residence in Pratt, Kan.

On Nov. 13 shortly before 4 p.m., the Pratt Police Department requested KBI assistance to investigate a shooting. KBI agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded.

Preliminary information indicates that at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Pratt Police Department received a call reporting a man on the street who was waving a gun. When responding officers arrived at 512 N. Main St. in Pratt, they encountered an armed man outside, north of the residence. The man was later identified as Rene Prieto, 38, of Pratt.

As officers approached Prieto, attempting to make contact with him, he fired at one of the officers. Three officers returned fire. Prieto was injured by gunfire. Officers secured Prieto and the scene, and called EMS.

Prieto was transported to a Wichita hospital and is currently in critical condition. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

The KBI will complete a thorough and independent investigation into this incident. Once the investigation is completed, the findings will be turned over to the Pratt County Attorney for review.

The investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.

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